

Hinges & Tongs



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2009-10 Dues are Due!

Yes, it's *that* time of the year again--your RPA dues are due! Send a check for \$20, made payable to "RPA," to our PO box address listed above. Also notify us if your address or phone number has changed. Everyone with an email address is encouraged to send that along as well so we can notify you of current club news.

RPA Elections

Officers for the next 2 years (July'09-June'11):

President: [Dave Bombard](#)

Vice President: [Joe Doles](#)

Treasurer: [Dave Robinson](#)

Corresponding Secretary: [Tom Fortunato](#)

Recording Secretary: [Diane Bombard](#)

Board of Governors: [Chuck Schultz](#) ('13),

[Bob Kingston](#) ('12), [Frank Tritto](#) ('11)

Immediate Past President: [Ray Stone](#)

From the incoming President...

Thank you for electing our slate. Let me take this time to ask the membership this: What you would like to do at stamp meetings? We'll be discussing this at our first meeting!

Current Life Members

The following RPA members are receiving life memberships this 2009-10 stamp season for having paid dues for 25 consecutive years:

1984-06 Bernice W. Smith

1985-01 Ann Triggie

1985-10 Ada Prill

The 20 current RPA Life Members include:

1972-20-L	Bruno Antonini
1983-03-L	John Cali
1978-01-L	Nancy Clark
1968-07-L	Dr. Peter Gleason
1981-11-L	Beverly Herzich
1972-10-L	Jack Holt
0070-L	Mark Hull
1981-12-L	Richard Kase
1975-07-L	John Kellas III
1961-09-L	Ezra Lempert
1981-08-L	Robert Meegan
0034-L	Gordon Morison
1965-01-L	Walter J. Orton III
1976-03-L	Jim Piecuch
1975-04-L	Jack Rosenstein
1982-12-L	Tracy Russo
1982-13-L	Charles Schultz
0103-L	Gerhard Siefert
1966-09-L	Raymond Stone
1976-09-L	James Trenton

Welcome Our Newest Members!

2009-01	Dr. Donald R. Dolan, Jr.
2009-02	Jasmine Staff
2009-03	Christopher Stennie
2009-04	Edward Stennie

Latest Board Decisions

Joint RPA/ROPEX Board meetings were held on June 29 for all incoming and outgoing Board members and on August 13 with the new Board. While our CD principle and interest income still totals approximately \$20,000, a number of decisions were made in light of the continuing deficit gap between membership dues and yearly RPA club operating expenses:

1. Effective with this coming 2009-10 season, a discounted family membership will be offered to encourage more people to join the club. Dues will be \$20 for the first person and \$5 for every additional member residing at the same address. Only one club newsletter will be sent per address. All family members will have voting privileges. Such memberships will count towards life memberships when dues are paid for 25 consecutive years.

2. There will be no dues increase for the foreseeable future, but cuts will need to be made in other areas to ensure fiscal stability.

3. Membership meetings will be held only on the second Thursday during the months of November through February. We have been on this schedule already during November and December for several years due to the holidays. This is expanding to January and February due to lower attendance during these months because of weather conditions and snow-birds wintering down south.

4. RPA meetings will be held in the downstairs hall rather than the upstairs hall, except for everyone-a-dealer nights and other evenings when more than 30 members are expected.

5. Silent auction lot forms will be sold for 10 cents each and may be reused for the same lot until the item is sold. Money goes to the club.

6. Unanimous vote to appoint Frank Tritto to fill Joe Dole's remaining Board term through June.

Year-Start RPA Banquet Planned

The first RPA meeting on Thursday, October 8 will be our annual banquet at the Morningstar Restaurant, 850 Merchants Road. Tickets are \$17 per person in advance and \$20 at the door. The meal consists of soup, salad, choice of entrees (chicken parmesan or pork chops), dessert and beverage. Those so inclined may also bring their own bottle. Tickets may be purchased at the first two RPA meetings of the season, or by mail when sending payment to Ray Stone.

Art Cover Exchange Gathering



RPA recording secretary and current Art Cover Exchange president Diane Bombard hosted a gathering for the national organization this past June in Hilton. Joining Diane were several RPA members, including Rick Kase, George Hill, Dave Robinson, Joe Doles, Dave Bombard and John Cali.

Rochester's Multipost Connection



1910 Multipost coil: type TD 37, perf 9.75, red, with full shading lines



Coil stamps issued by the U.S. Post Office Department date back to 1908 to serve the needs of commercial mass mailers. But these businesses also needed a way to quickly adhere the stamps to their envelopes. New companies formed to meet the challenge, including one from Rochester, the Multipost Company.

Pictured here is the handheld Multipost Stamp Affixer and Accountant, Model 1, patented in 1911 and sold from 1910-1940, along with the first type of dummy stamps they created to demonstrate and promote the product.

Two ads placed in prominent publications of the era are seen here. It is unknown how much the device originally sold for. Security was one of its main selling points, as the device recorded the number of stamps it affixed and its locking mechanism at the rear prevented stamps from being purloined by unscrupulous employees.

Note that the 1913 ad says over 10,000 were in use by that time. By 1914 the company also moved to Allen St., probably to a larger facility.

November 1913 Cosmopolitan Ad

November 1913

Cosmopolitan Magazin

MULTIPOST


YOUR MAIL AND END THE STAMP QUESTION

THE **MULTIPOST** STAMP AFFIXER AND ACCOUNTANT will enable your employees to affix stamps three times as fast as by hand, at the same time providing a perfect check on your stamp account.

It will affix stamps to any size or form of mail from post card to Parcel Post packages. There are over TEN THOUSAND IN USE. Coiled stamps for the **MULTIPOST** are obtainable at any Post Office.

THE **MULTIPOST** is sent by parcel post for FREE TRIAL to any reliable business.

MULTIPOST CO., 306 State St., ROCHESTER, N. Y.



A
STAMP
CASH
REGISTER

SEND FOR OUR
**FREE
BOOKLET
AND GET
MULTIPOSTED**

December 1914 Trade Ad in "System"

SYSTEM for DECEMBER—ADVERTISING SECTION

MULTIPOST YOUR MAIL

The old method of affixing stamps by hand (as shown herewith) actually requires **five** operations. The **Multipost**, however, will affix stamps to any size or form of mail—instantly and securely—in **one** operation. Saving four out of five operations, therefore, **must** save time.

Every stamp used by the **Multipost** is recorded automatically—same as a cash register records sales. It therefore protects your stamps like a bank protects your money.

Multipost Stamp Affixer and Accountant

Is in daily use in more than 15,000 offices, although only three years old. Its users say it begins to save immediately—in large or small offices; that it instantly eliminates the temptation to take a "stamp or two"; and has established the fact that "a stamp is money".

The **Multipost** is very simple and fool-proof. Simply insert coiled stamps (obtainable at any P. O.) in stamp case, fill water chamber, and is ready for 500 stampings.

The **Multipost** Co. sells service as well as their machine, and guarantee their product for one year. It is also financially able to do all that it promises.

Get Multiposted—Send for Free Book

"How Stamps are Lost" is a very interesting book that every employer should read. Send for a copy today, and learn why you should protect your stamp account. It's full of facts—some say, eye-openers.

Multipost Company
39 Allen St., Rochester, N. Y.
Canadian Multipost Co., Toronto, Can.

**THE MULTIPOST
DOES IT ALL IN
ONE STROKE**

YOUR METHOD REQUIRES THESE FIVE OPERATIONS

- 1 Picking up Sheet of Stamps
- 2 Stripping Sheet of Stamps
- 3 Picking up Strip of Stamps
- 4 Stripping Strip of Stamps
- 5 Affixing a Stamp



Shown here is the 1922 SX model and worked the same way as its predecessors. A small reservoir was first filled with water (seen at the lower left of the 1911 model). The coil stamps were loaded in the upper round chamber. The device was placed on the envelope, a drop of water moistened the spot and the plunger was pushed down, advancing a stamp, pressing it into place.



Getting perfectly cut copies out of the affixer was a challenge, but this provides evidence when seeking postally used stamped examples on cover.



Type TD 38, perf 10.25, carmine, with short shading lines

By the 1930s Multipost became heavily involved in producing meter machines. The National Postal Meter Company of Rochester bought Multipost Company in 1941. That company became the Commercial Controls Corporation in 1944, formed by former IBM employees. Friden bought out Commercial Controls in the late 1950's.

All of these changes are noted on dummy stamps produced over the years by the succeeding companies.



1910-49 Multipost Company Coils (VF pairs)

TD37 Red, perf 9¾ vertical	\$70.00
TD38 Carmine, perf 10¼ vertical	\$80.00
TD88 Blue, perf 9¾ vertical	\$61.50
TD89 Black, perf 9¾ vertical	\$67.50
TD90 Blue black, perf 9¾ vertical	\$67.50
TD91 Purple, perf 9¾ vertical	\$67.50
TD92 Carmine, perf 9¾ vertical	\$100.00
TD93 Carmine, Friden, perf 9¾ vertical	\$65.00

(from: <http://www.brookmanstamps.com/Brookman/USBNAPL/PL8-9USTEST.pdf>)

Does any member remember these “stamps”? Just an FYI... The stamp affixers were both offered on eBay in the last few months. The 1911 model was priced at \$125, the 1922 SX model was \$50. I was also able to purchase a TD37 very fine pair for only \$10 on eBay!

Another Rochester Error



Errors connected with the Rochester area have been featured in the last few issues of Hinges & Tongs and here's another, about 70 years old or so.

This is Scott #810, the 5 cent Prexie with an unlisted doubling of the double-line electro precancel from Rochester. The normal version is listed in the Precancel Stamp Society catalog as type 247 with a value of 5 cents in the 1985 4th edition. It sold on eBay for \$133.50 in May!

Unique Worldwide Issues



OK, so this highlighted issue is a bit “tongue in

cheek,” but deserves recognition none-the-less. Maybe it should be “tong in cheek.”

Worldwide collectors will recognize this as a Machin definitive from Great Britain. The design has been around since 1967, surviving the decimal currency changeover and countless Prime Ministers. Hundreds of varieties exist in various denominations, colors perfs, and taggings.

But this new issue is different. It bears two elliptical die cut lozenges to prevent re-use. Look closely at the one around the denomination and the other under the Queen's nape. When soaked (yes, they can actually separate from an envelope) you'll have three pieces—the two lozenges and a piece of paper with two holes in it!

Stamp Expo 400 September 25-27 in Albany



The big show is just around the corner and down the road! Make plans now to attend Stamp Expo 400. Over 100 dealers, 240 exhibit frames and a host of first day ceremonies and society meetings await!

Do not miss this one-time extravaganza sure to please every philatelist. Several RPA members will be helping out to make the show a success for the Federation of New York Philatelic Societies, sponsors of the event. The show medallion is seen here and will be awarded to the philatelic and literature exhibitors.



Upcoming Area Shows

September starts a new stamp collecting season and it's also the time of year when local and regional stamp shows swing into full gear.

Sept 13 Syracuse Stamp, Coin & Collectibles Show

Holiday Inn- Carrier Circle, exit 35.

Hours: 10-5. Bourse.

Contact: Ed Bailey, (315)452-0593.

Sept 25-27 StampExpo 400

Quadricentennial Philatelic Exhibition.

Empire State Plaza, Albany. Sponsored by the Federation of New York Philatelic Societies.

Hours: Friday 10-6, Saturday 10-6, Sunday 10-4. Free admission. 40 frames of exhibits.

Literature competition. 100 dealers from the US and Canada, US Postal Service, UN Postal Administration. Society booths, APS, AAPE, ATA, WE (Women Exhibitors), more.

Seminars, Stamp Camp USA, youth activities.

Contact: John Nunes, (518)399-8395.

Email: Nunesnook@aol.com

Website: <http://www.stampexpo400.org/>

September 27 West Seneca Coin, Stamp, Postcard & Collectibles Show

Harvey D. Morin VFW Post 2940, 965 Center Rd. **Hours:** 10-4. Bourse.

Contact: Victor Drajem, (716)656-8080.

Oct 16-17 STEPEX Stamp Show

Sponsored by the Elmira Stamp Club.

American Legion Post, 45 South Olcott Rd, I-86 at exit 49. Big Flats.

Hours: 10-6, 10-5. Dealers, exhibits, US Postal Service, show cancel and cacheted envelopes, junior activities.

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Oct 25 West Seneca Coin, Stamp, Postcard & Collectibles Show

Harvey D. Morin VFW Post 2940, 965 Center Rd. **Hours:** 10-4. Bourse.

Contact: Victor Drajem, (716)656-8080.

Nov 7-8 SYRAPEX 2009

Holiday Inn- Carrier Circle, exit 35, Syracuse.

Hours: 10-5:30, 10-4:30. Bourse.

Contact: Ed Bailey, (315)452-0593.

Nov 13-15 Toronto CSDA National Postage Stamp Show

Queen Elizabeth Building, Exhibition Place.

Hours: Fri 11-6, Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4. Dealers, Canada Post. Bourse.

Email: secretary@csdaonline.com

Website: <http://www.csdaonline.com/shows/>

Nov 21 Cheektowaga Autumn Stamp Festival

Sponsored by the Buffalo Stamp Club.

Leonard VFW Post, 2450 Walden Ave.

Hours: 10-5. Bourse.

Contact: Bob Meegan

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Nov 22 West Seneca Coin, Stamp, Postcard & Collectibles Show

Harvey D. Morin VFW Post 2940, 965 Center Rd. **Hours:** 10-4. Bourse.

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Dec 6 West Seneca Coin, Stamp, Postcard & Collectibles Show

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US Stamp Program September-November

Sept. 3- Eid, 44 cent single stamp

Sept. 9- Thanksgiving Day Parade, 44 cent single stamp

Sept. 10- Gary Cooper, 44 cent single stamp

Sept. 22- U.S. Supreme Court Justices, four 44 cent stamps and a souvenir sheet of four

Oct. 1- Kelp Forest pane of ten 44 cent stamps

Oct. 8- Winter Holidays- four 44 cent stamps (pane of 20, ATM pane of 18)

Oct. 9- Hanukkah- 44 cent single stamp

Oct. 9- Kwanza- 44 cent single stamp

Oct. 20- Madonna and Child by Sassofarrato-
44 cent single stamp (double-sided booklet of
20)



Next RPA Meetings

Thursday, [Sept. 10](#).... Welcome Back
Thursday, [Sept. 24](#).....TBA
Thursday, [Oct. 8](#).....RPA Banquet (off-site,
Morningstar Restaurant)
Thursday, [Oct. 22](#).....TBA
Thursday, [Nov. 12](#).....TBA
Thursday, [Nov. 26](#).....no meeting Thanksgiving

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